

**Seventh Annual
Iowa
Special Education
Law Conference
October 20-21, 2003**

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PURPOSE

Conference attendees will become more informed regarding special education legal issues so they can avoid and resolve conflict and litigation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Principals, special education administrators, department of education staff, administrative law judges, board members (AEA and LEA), mediators, parent advocacy organizations or agencies, insurance claim representatives, higher education faculty, teachers, AEA support personnel, superintendents, attorneys.

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Iowa Special Education Law Conference Agenda

Monday, October 20

8:30am Registration, Coffee & Rolls

9:00 Welcome, *Lana Michelson, Bureau Chief, Iowa Department of Education*

9:15-10:45am ***They're at it Again: What Will the Next IDEA Reauthorization Mean for School Districts?***

Speaker: José Martín, Esq.

The 1997 Reauthorization of the IDEA resulted in sweeping changes to special education law. Will the next Reauthorization, projected to be completed in 2003, have a similar impact? Mr. Martín explores the latest information on the progress of the new Reauthorization, addresses "hot" issues under review by Congress, reviews the main aspects of the present House and Senate IDEA bills, and gives his always insightful observations on the potential impact of the next amendments to the IDEA.

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:15pm ***Effective Behavior Interventions for Disruptive Students***

Speaker: Melisa Genaux, M.Ed.

Are your teachers ready to "tear their hair out" over disruptive students? Are students, instead of teachers, controlling the classroom? In this session, Ms. Genaus shares her practical, tested and effective techniques for redirecting student behavior and creating an environment that is conducive to learning.

**12:15-1:45 Luncheon Address:
The "New" IDEA
Reauthorization and No Child
Left Behind: Summer of Love
or Winter of Discontent?**

Speaker: Eric Hartwig, Ph.D

Within the ever-challenging spectrum of special education, there is a constant struggle to balance form and substance. Passion, an often-silent master of hope triumphing over experience, can get lost in the reality of accountability. This enlightening, thought-provoking and entertaining luncheon address is designed to capture and magnify the power of maintaining a positive perspective in the face of change.

**1:45-3:00 The Slow Retreat of Least Restrictive Environment
Programming**

Speaker: Eric Herlan, Esq.

The general legal standards for least restrictive environment programming remain unchanged. But new developments in federal law appear to be moving courts and schools away from focusing on what was once considered to be the major civil rights component of the IDEA - including students with disabilities in regular classrooms with their nondisabled peers. This session looks at the retreat of the "old" LRE emphasis in the face of a new focus on academic outcomes, parental choice and adequate yearly progress.

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:30 Working Together: Toward Win-Win Outcomes

Speaker: Jill Aubin Updegraph, Esq.

You're in an IEP meeting and the group reaches an impasse. How can you help the IEP team reach consensus? Ms. Updegraph will discuss roadblocks to settlement and present possible solutions to these specific problems. She'll also introduce techniques for

communicating with the "other side" in a special education dispute that will result in all parties feeling like "winners"

4:30 pm Adjourn

Tuesday, October 21

8:30am Registration, Coffee & Rolls

9:00-10:15am ***Measuring Student Progress and FAPE in an ERA of Change***

Speaker: Jeanne Kincaid, Esq.

What are the legal requirements for providing a "free appropriate public education" or FAPE? Has the standard changed; and is it likely to change in the near future? How do courts measure school districts' compliance with the FAPE requirements of the IDEA? Ms. Kincaid reviews the evolution of the FAPE standards in a wealth of federal court decisions, and provides her predictions for the future of FAPE

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-12:00 ***The Year in Review: 2002 - 2003***

Speaker: Steven E. Lake, Esq.

Every year the courts interpret important provisions of the IDEA, Section 504 and the ADA that directly affect public school districts and parents of children with disabilities. Join attorney and author Steven Lake for a fast-paced review of the most significant and interesting rulings issued by federal and state courts over the past year.

12:00pm Adjourn

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDIT

We have applied for Continuing Legal Education Credit and the number of hours approved will be available at the conference.

LOCATION

The conference is being held at the ISU Scheman Center, Ames, Iowa. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Baymont Inn, US 30 & Elwood Drive, for the nights of October 19-20, 2003. Individuals are responsible for making their own reservations by calling 515/296-2500. Be sure to indicate that you are attending the Special Education Law Conference to receive the special rate of \$68 for a single or double room. Rooms will be held **until September 28** or until the block is filled.

REGISTRATION

Individuals may attend both days of the conference, OR Monday only OR Tuesday only. Lunch is included for the first day, breaks for both days (including a continental breakfast each morning), plus LRP materials. You can register using the attached registration form.

REFUNDS

All but \$15 of the fee is refundable for cancellations received **by October 6, 2003**. Registration is transferable to another person.

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

If you have questions regarding the conference or your registration, please contact **CCS - Complete Conference Specialists**, an independent contractor helping coordinate the conference, at 319/338-2036 or FAX: 319/337-8836, e-mail: CCSBarnes@msn.com. If you require special accommodations to participate in this program, please contact **CCS** at least two weeks prior to the program.

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October 20-21, 2003

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☐ 2 Days \$100 (Oct. 20-21)

☐ 1 Day \$80 (Oct. 20 only)

☐ 1 Day \$40 (Oct. 21 only)

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